



21 JULY 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B



Introduction:

As we gather around the Eucharistic table we seek the compassion of Jesus, our Good Shepherd who brings us peace and who reconciles us to our God of righteousness.

Readings:

First Reading: Jer 23: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23: 1-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Second Reading: Eph 2: 13-18
Gospel: Mk 6: 30-34

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant:

The Lord is our righteousness and we surrender our needs before Him with faith. Our response is: **O LORD HEAR US WE PRAY**

That the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful may always be guided by the wisdom and compassion of the Good Shepherd... we pray... **R/**

That our political leaders may work for the unity and well-being of all people entrusted to their care... we pray... **R/**

That all of us gathered for this Eucharistic celebration may reflect the compassion and care of the Good Shepherd in our relationships and work... we pray... **R/**

That our children and youth may willingly follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd in the midst of destructive distractions and meaningless attractions... we pray... **R/**

That we may enjoy a good monsoon and protection from irregularities of the weather... we pray... **R/**

That God may listen to the prayers we now make with faith... *(Pause for 7 seconds)*... we pray... **R/**

Celebrant:

Merciful Lord, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus, our Good Shepherd and for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in you through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.